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TOPIC Military Information from the Buch-Bernau-Eberswalde-Bad Freienwalde Area.

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EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED 50X1-HUMDATE OF CONTENT DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 23 October 1953REFERENCES PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS 50X1-HUM

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1. At 5:30 a.m. on 1 October 1953, a column of 17 trucks, carrying billeting equipment; 2 jeeps and 2 tank trucks was seen in Eberswalde, proceeding toward Finow. Motor vehicle was identified. At 5 p.m. on 3 October, about 100 trucks, 4 field kitchens, 21 x 57-mm AT guns and 76.2-mm AT guns, 10 BA-64 armored scout cars, 11 x 120-mm mortars and 8 half-track vehicles.

 were seen entering the Artillerie Kaserne, with a military band playing near the entrance. At 3 p.m. on 3 October, SP guns and 3 JS-2 tanks were unloaded at the railroad station and left toward the barracks installation. 1

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2. On 4 October, the Panzer Kaserne in Bad Freienwalde was occupied to capacity. The motor vehicles were on blocks. 2

3. At 3 p.m. on 5 October, a train, which had been loaded at the Bernau railroad station, was ready to leave, toward north. The shipment included 16 JS-2 tanks 1 radio truck and 2 boxcars. Another 16 JS-2 tanks and 15 trucks were also observed.

 loadings took also place on 4 October. The troops allegedly arrived from the direction of Wandlitz. At 3:30 p.m. on 5 October, 1 jeep and 10 T-34 tanks were entrained at the Buch railroad station.

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4. At 1:45 p.m. on 5 October, a train carrying 20 T-34 tanks, 50X1-HUM

 was seen in Bernau, proceeding toward Eberswalde, while 13 JS-3 tanks, were detrained. On 3 October, 3 JSU-122 guns, and JS-3 tank 50X1-HUM were unloaded in Eberswalde. The shipment had arrived from the direction of Templin and left toward the barracks installations. On 5 October, a shipment of 12 JS-3 tanks, ; 3 trucks and 120 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets passed through Eberswalde from south toward north. 50X1-HUM

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5. On 5 October, 14 AT guns, presumably 57-mm guns; 15 trucks and 25 to 30 boxcarloads of troops were entrained at the Bernau railroad station. On 6 October, 20 SP guns, T-34 tanks [redacted] trucks [redacted] which had arrived from the direction of Schoenow, were entrained. A train carrying 8 x 76.2-mm AA guns, 3 field kitchens and trucks [redacted] and including 10 boxcars occupied by troops was seen ready to leave toward Eberswalde. 3 On 5 October, 25 trucks, 8 x presumably 57-mm AT guns and 10 boxcarloads of troops arrived at the Clothing Depot via the spur track.
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1. Comment. The troops which, on 3 October, entered the Artillerie Kaserne probably were the elements of the 6th Gds Mecz Div which, on the same day, [redacted] coming from the maneuver area north of Berlin. [redacted] Weapons observed indicate that the shipments involved units of the 17th Gds Mecz Regt and the 240th Gds Mort Regt carried in the Artillerie Kaserne; the units, thus, can be confirmed in Eberswalde until 3 October. The unloaded tanks which [redacted] belonged to the 82d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the division, may have come from the Templin troop training grounds. The regiment can be confirmed in Eberswalde until 3 October 1953. The fact that the troops were played into the installation tends to indicate that the units of the division, except for elements employed in Berlin, definitely occupied their winter quarters.

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2. Comment. Except for the elements employed in Berlin, all known units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div can be carried at the Bad Freienwalde post on 4 October. Prior to the beginning of the summer training period, these units included the 16th Gds Mecz Regt, the 93d Tank Regt and the 95th (?) Mtrcl Bn.

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3. Comment. [redacted]
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[redacted] The shipments had gone to Prenzlau and the Templin training area. [redacted]

4. Comment. [redacted]
[redacted] elements of the unidentified AT artillery brigade of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army arrived by rail, probably from Templin, rather than entered the installation by road after they had participated in exercises in the area north of Berlin [redacted]

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